



The Corporation of the Town of Tillsonburg
Recreation & Sports Advisory Committee

October 13, 2021

5:30 p.m.

Hybrid

MINUTES

Present:

Christian Devlin, Dace Zvanitajs, Scott Gooding, Taylor Campbell, Susie Wray, Carrie Lewis

Absent with Regrets:

Jeff Vanrybroeck, Kim Sage

Also Present:

Chris Parker, Andrea Greenway, Margaret Puhr

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:36 p.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Resolution #1

Moved by: Chris Parker

Seconded by: Carrie Lewis

THAT the Agenda as prepared for the Recreation & Sports Advisory Committee meeting of October 13, 2021, be adopted.

Carried

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

4. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest declared.

5. General Business and Reports

5.1. Introduction of new members – Scott Gooding and Taylor Campbell introduced themselves to the committee.

5.2. Election of new Chair –

Resolution #2

Moved by: Susie Wray

Seconded by: Christian Devlin

THAT Chris Parker be named the Chair of the Recreation & Parks Advisory committee for the remainder of the term.

Carried

5.3. Staff update – as of October 31 the Public Health unit requires that everyone 12 years or older must present a proof of vaccination upon entering the community centre.

The province has lifted the capacity limits for spectators and they no longer need to distance when seated. Masks are still required.

The splash pad design was presented to staff this week and will be presented to council on November 8 meeting. There will be 18 water features, pad will be located adjacent to the water park and the playground. This pad is scheduled to be opened in spring of 2022. The pool upgrades design is still being worked on, the staff toured two sites designed by A+Link Architects to get an idea of their designs. The plan is to provide more change rooms, accessible and family; to open up the entrance and make it one level by removing the stairs on the West side of the building, and to make the building more accessible in general. A new ramp into the pool, more storage are among some other features.

There was a grant application submitted for replacement of the water park building, approved by council and awaiting response.

The arenas and the mini rink are now bookable online. The arenas require staff confirmation for booking, the mini rink is a straightforward booking.

5.4. General discussion – councillor Parker announced an upcoming community event in November 2021. Further information can be obtained from Christopher Baird, Director of Recreation, Culture & Parks.

Question was raised about renovating the tennis courts, there have been new nets but no work done in a while. Staff will look into budget and get back to the committee.

Also discussed was issue that many seniors in town don't have computers or other electronic devices, and most of the information from the town seems to be coming online. Seniors don't have access to this information, but should be able to, particularly most recently regarding the vaccinations. Staff is able to print out the recreation brochure on request. Possible opportunity for educational workshops through the senior centre.

Recreation Master Plan will be circulated to members for review.

6. Next Meeting

November 10 at 5:30p.m., hybrid format, unless a special meeting is required due to the Rogers event.

7. Adjournment

Resolution #3

Moved by: Carrie Lewis

Seconded by: Scott Gooding

THAT the October 13, 2021 Recreation & Sports Advisory Committee meeting be adjourned at 6:19 p.m.

Carried